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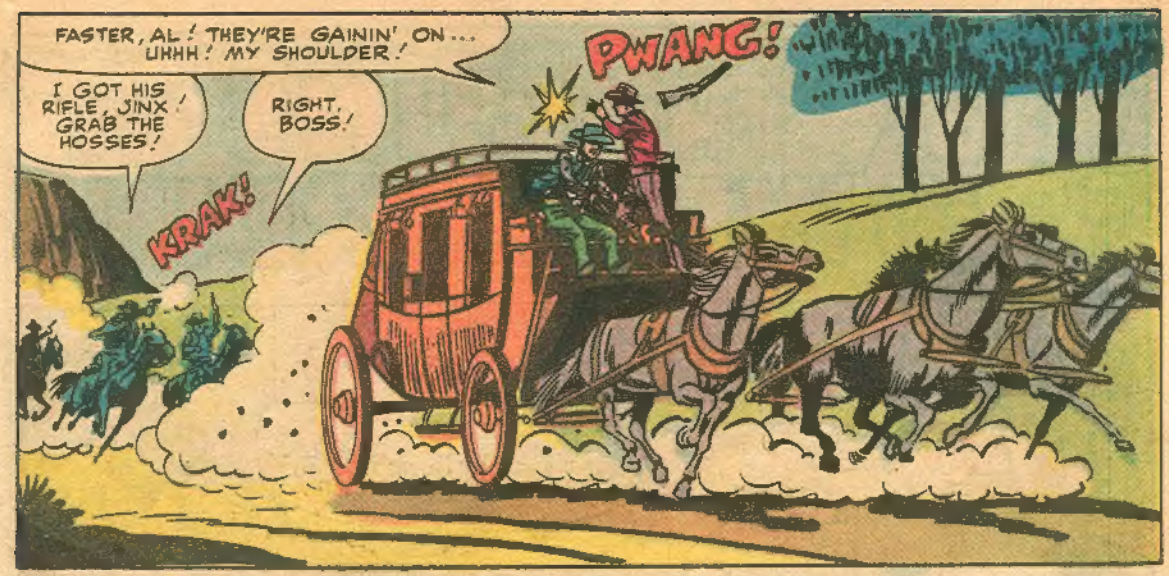
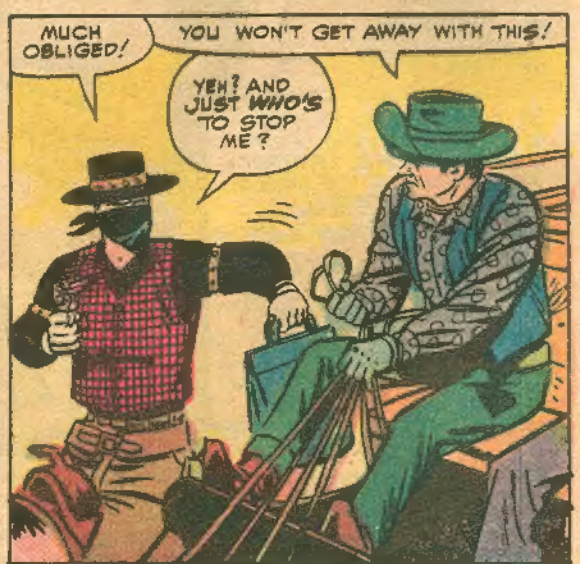


NO, IT'S HOPELESS! WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THOSE GUNSLICKS!
SMART THINKIN', GENTS! NOW DON'T GET STUPID! HAND OVER THE LOOT... AND MAKE IT PRONTO!



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CRAK!
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PWANG!
I DON'T KNOW WHO THAT RANNY IS, BUT HE'S A CRACK-SHOT! LET'S CLEAR OUT!
BUT FIRST GRAB THE LOOT! IF ACE GITS GUNNED, IT'LL BE ALL OURS!
YOU TRY FOR IT IF YUH WANT! I'M NOT CHANCIN' IT!
LEAVIN' SO SOON, GUNNIES? THE FUN'S JUST STARTIN'!!
HE PUT A SCARE INTO THOSE TWO YELLA BELLIES! BUT NO ONE CAN CHASE ME OFF!
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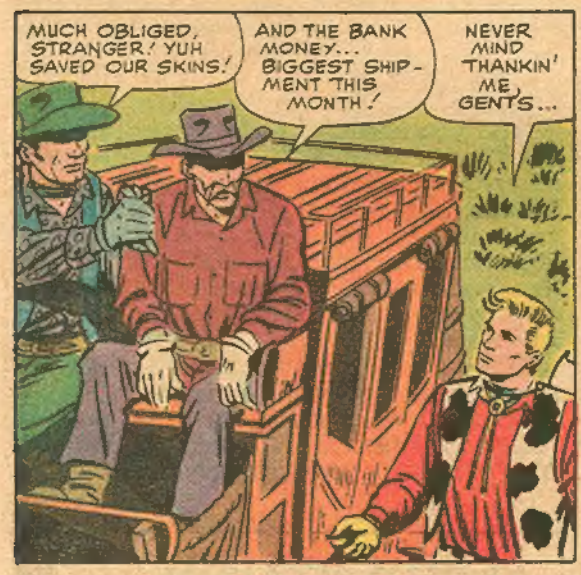
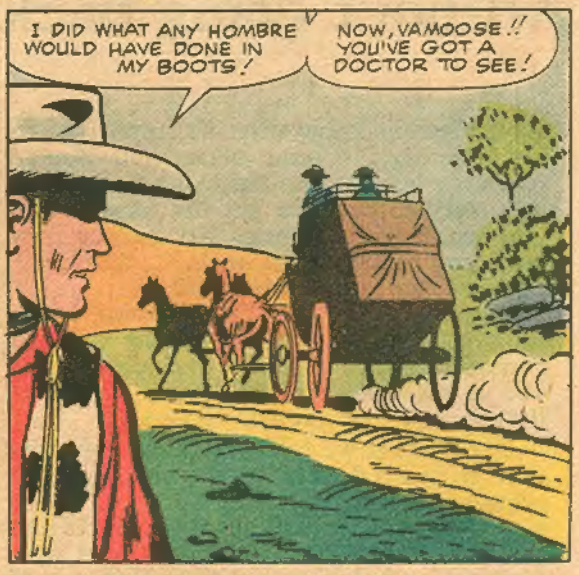
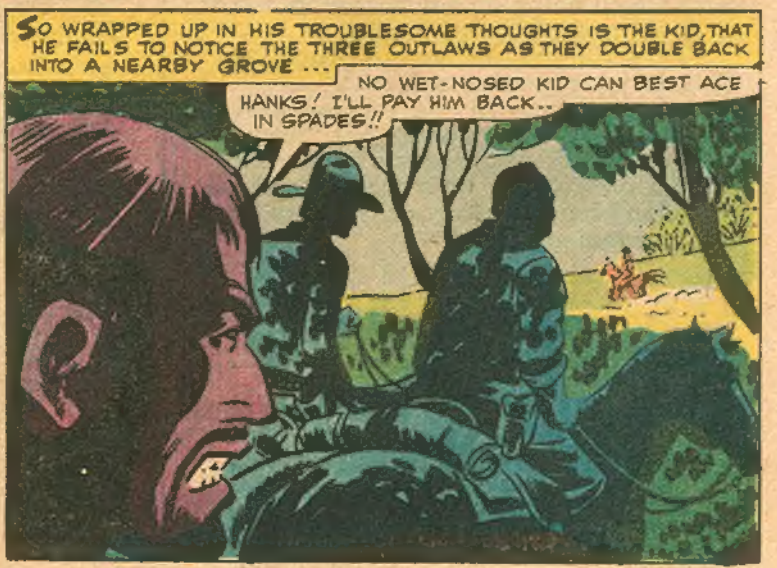
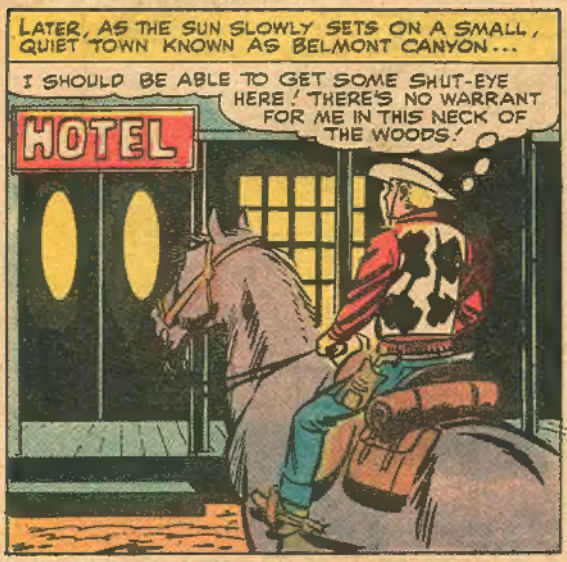
'PEARS HE CHANGED HIS TUNE!
WHOA, STEEL! THIS FRACAS IS OVER! WE'D BETTER DOUBLE BACK AND SEE HOW BADLY THE GUARD'S HIT!
I'D SURE LIKE TO CLEAN UP THE COUNTRYSIDE WITH THOSE OWL-HOOTS! IT'S THEIR KIND THAT COMMIT THE CRIMES THAT I'M BLAMED FOR! THEY MAKE MY LIFE WHAT IT IS...THE LIFE OF A FUGITIVE!


MUCH OBLIGED, STRANGER! YUH SAVED OUR SKINS!
AND THE BANK MONEY... BIGGEST SHIPMENT THIS MONTH!
NEVER MIND THANKIN' ME, GENTS...

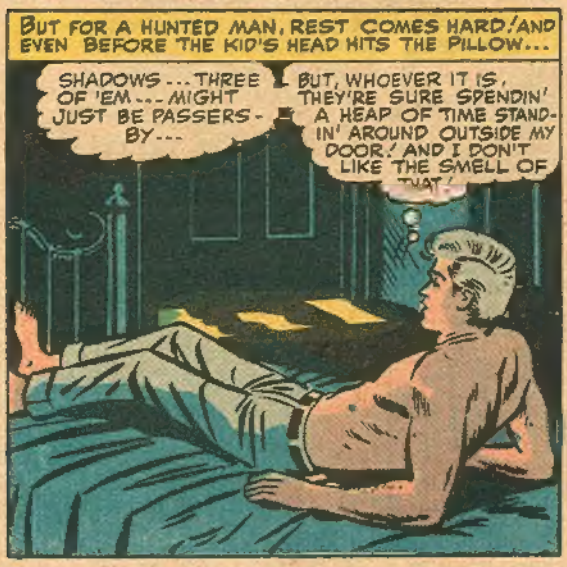

I DID WHAT ANY HOMBRE WOULD HAVE DONE IN MY BOOTS!
NOW, VAMOOSE!! YOU'VE GOT A DOCTOR TO SEE!

I WONDER WHAT THEY'D THINK IF THEY KNEW I'M CALLED AN OUTLAW IN MANY A TERRITORY!
BUT THAT'S THE IRON I'M BRANDED WITH... HAUNTED BY CRIMES I DIDN'T COMMIT!


SO WRAPPED UP IN HIS TROUBLESOME THOUGHTS IS THE KID, THAT HE FAILS TO NOTICE THE THREE OUTLAWS AS THEY DOUBLE BACK INTO A NEARBY GROVE ...
NO WET-NOSED KID CAN BEST ACE HANKS! I'LL PAY HIM BACK.. IN SPADES!!


LATER, AS THE SUN SLOWLY SETS ON A SMALL, QUIET TOWN KNOWN AS BELMONT CANYON...
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET SOME SHUT-EYE HERE! THERE'S NO WARRANT FOR ME IN THIS NECK OF THE WOODS!
HOTEL

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN DOIN' SOME HARD RIDIN', MISTER!
HOW'S ABOUT A ROOM FER THE NIGHT? AND I DON'T CARE WHAT IT'S LIKE... JUST SO LONG AS IT'S GOT A BED!
THIS TOWN 'PEARS PEACEFUL ENUFF! AND THAT SUITS ME FINE! I RECKON I'VE HAD PLENTY OF EXCITEMENT FOR ONE DAY!


BUT FOR A HUNTED MAN, REST COMES HARD! AND EVEN BEFORE THE KID'S HEAD HITS THE PILLOW...
SHADOWS... THREE OF 'EM... MIGHT JUST BE PASSERS-BY...
BUT, WHOEVER IT IS, THEY'RE SURE SPENDIN' A HEAP OF TIME STANDIN' AROUND OUTSIDE MY DOOR! AND I DON'T LIKE THE SMELL OF THAT!

HERE'S WHERE WE FIX THAT YOUNG GUNSLICK'S HIDE BUT GOOD! GET TO WORK!
BUT... WHAT IF HE AIN'T ASLEEP?.. WHAT IF... HE'S WAITIN' FER US?
YOU HEERD ACE, YOU COWARDLY MILK-SOP! NOW, MOVE!!

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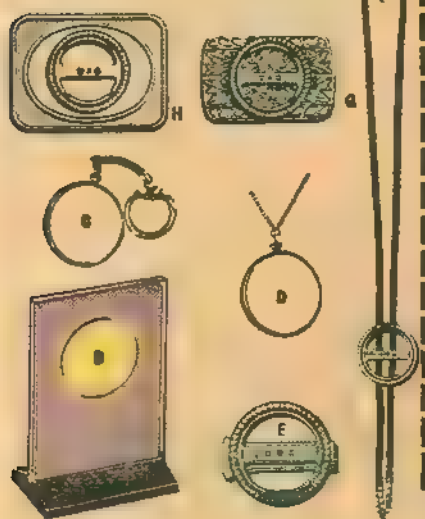

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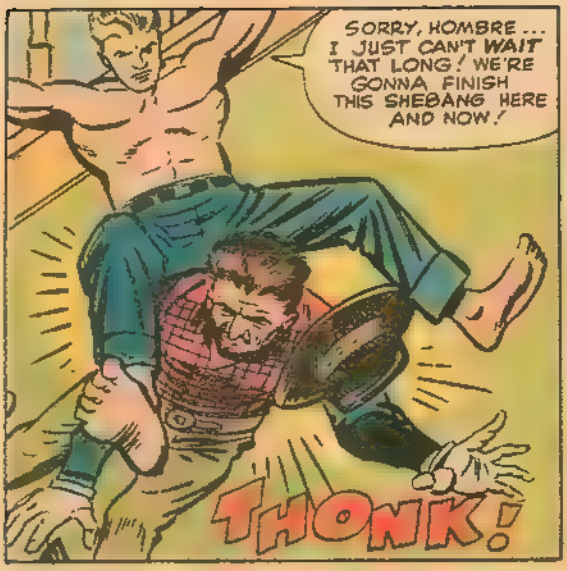
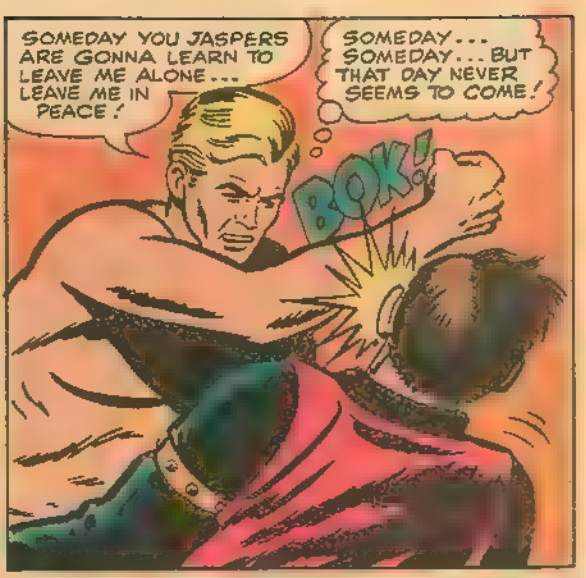
RAK!
YOW!
ONLY ONE PROBLEM, TEACHER! I PLAYED HOOKEY!!
WING!
KBORK!
AND NOW, YOU POLECATS HAVE A FEW THINGS OF YOUR OWN TO LEARN...
HE'S A HELLION! GOTTA G.T OUTTA HERE!
DON'TCHA KNOW IT'S NOT FITTIN' TO BREAK IN ON AN HOMBRE WHEN HE'S GETTIN' HIS SHUT-EYE!
IF I CAN MAKE IT TO THE STAIR-WAY, I'M SAFE!
'PEARS YOU LOST YOUR NERVE AS SOON AS I GOT ON MY FEET!
YOU BESTED ME THIS TIME, KID, BUT I'LL BE READY FOR YUH WHEN OUR TRAILS CROSS AGAIN!




SOMEDAY YOU JASPERS ARE GONNA LEARN TO LEAVE ME ALONE... LEAVE ME IN PEACE!
SOMEDAY... SOMEDAY... BUT THAT DAY NEVER SEEMS TO COME!
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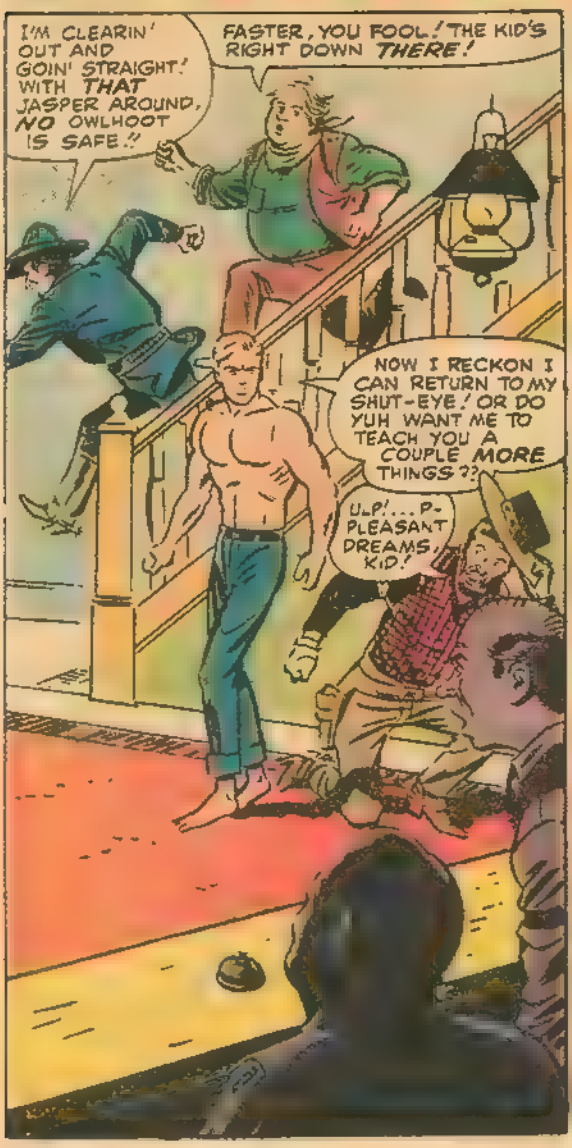
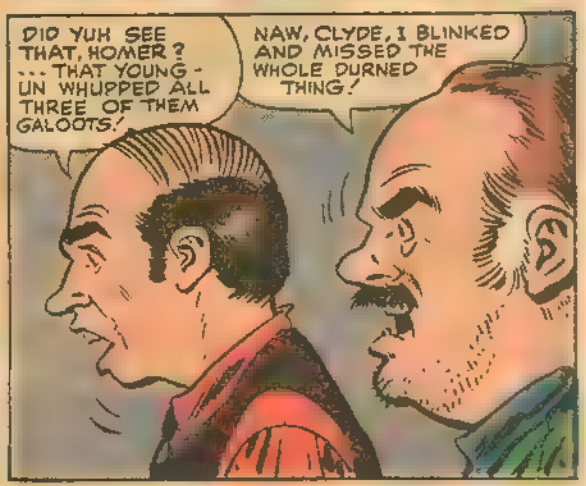
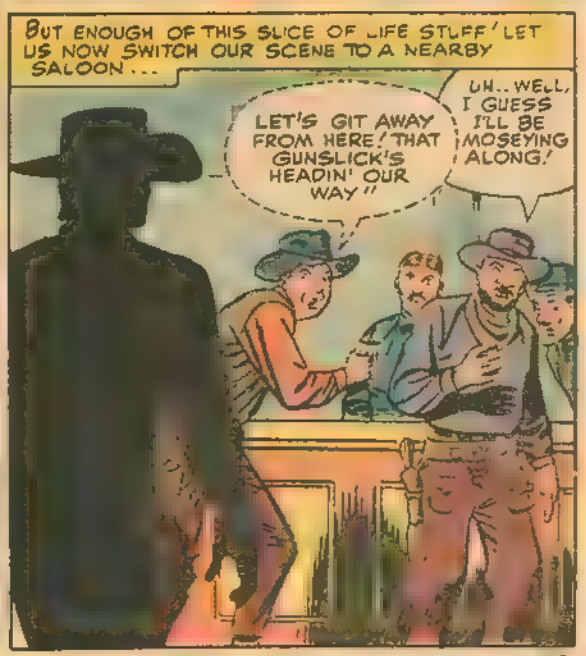

I'M CLEARIN' OUT AND GOIN' STRAIGHT! WITH THAT JASPER AROUND, NO OWLHOOT IS SAFE!!
FASTER, YOU FOOL! THE KID'S RIGHT DOWN THERE!
NOW I RECKON I CAN RETURN TO MY SHUT-EYE! OR DO YUH WANT ME TO TEACH YOU A COUPLE MORE THINGS??
ULP!... P-PLEASANT DREAMS, KID!


DID YUH SEE THAT, HOMER? ... THAT YOUNG-UN WHUPPED ALL THREE OF THEM GALOOTS!
NAW, CLYDE, I BLINKED AND MISSED THE WHOLE DURNED THING!


BUT ENOUGH OF THIS SLICE OF LIFE STUFF! LET US NOW SWITCH OUR SCENE TO A NEARBY SALOON...
LET'S GIT AWAY FROM HERE! THAT GUNSLICK'S HEADIN' OUR WAY!!
UH.. WELL, I GUESS I'LL BE MOSEYING ALONG!

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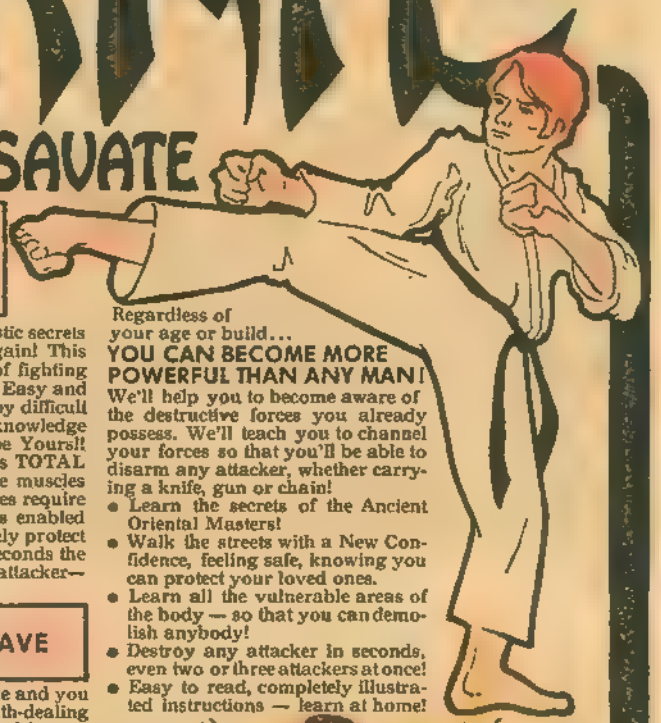

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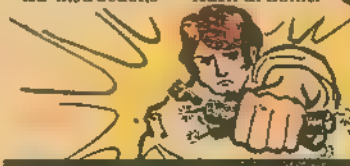

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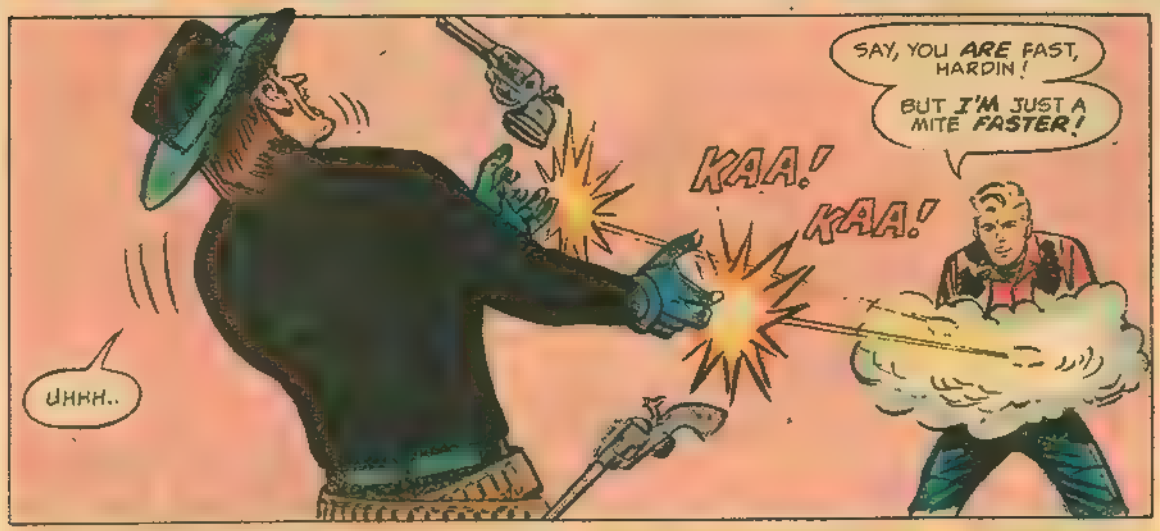
I--I HEAR YORE THE FASTEST GUN IN THE WHOLE STATE, MISTUH HARDIN! IS THAT TRUE?
NOT JUST IN THE STATE... IN THE WHOLE WEST!
HEY, BOYS, WE GOT ANOTHER GUNSLICK IN TOWN! KID COLT!
A PASSEL OF OWLHOOTS JUST TRIED TO AMBUSH THE KID AND HE WHUPPED THEM ALL!
KID COLT! HE'S JUST AN OVER-RATED SQUIRT. IF HE WAS UP AGAINST A PRO LIKE ME, HE WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE! AND I'M GONNA PROVE IT!
THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AS KID COLT LEAVES THE HOTEL, HE ENCOUNTERS A GRIM MENACE IN BLACK!
HEY, YOU, PRETTY BOY! I SEE YOU'RE WEARIN' TWIN IRONS JUST LIKE YOU CAN USE 'EM!
I'VE GOT NO QUARREL WITH YOU, STRANGER! IF YOU'RE SPOILIN' FOR A FIGHT, PICK SOME OTHER HOMBRE! I LIKE PEACE AND QUIET!
WAL, NOW... YUH SHOULDA THOUGHT OF THAT AFORE YUH WENT AND GOT YORESELF A REP AS A BIG, BAD GUNNIE! NOW YUH GOTTA LIVE UP TO THAT REP -- OR DIE TRYIN'!
JUST WHO ARE YOU, HOMBRE?

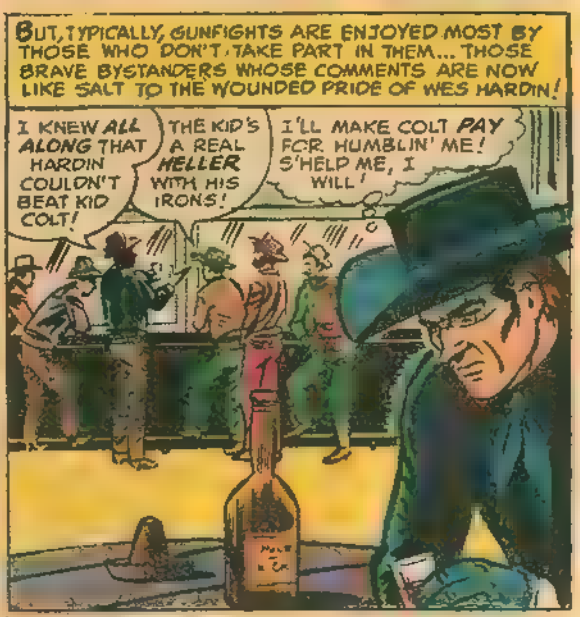
WES HARDIN IS MUH HANDLE!
THE GUNMAN THEY CALL "CHAIN LIGHTNING AND ELEVEN CLAPS OF THUNDER"! WELL, MISTER, TO ME YOU'RE JUST A LOUDMOUTHED WINDBAG!
AND NOW THAT WE'VE BOTH HAD OUR SAY, I'LL BE MOSEYING ALONG!
HEY! COME BACK! YUH AIN'T GONNA CRAWFISH OUT OF THIS SHOOTOUT!
YUH HEAR ME?! I SAID WE'RE GONNA SLAP LEATHER! DAD-BLAME IT!! MEBBE THIS WILL MAKE YUH TURN AND FIGHT!
CRAK!
I TRIED.. I SURE TRIED... TO KEEP THINGS PEACEABLE! BUT YOU WON'T LET ME, WILL YOU? YOU GO ON RILIN' ME UNTIL YOU FINALLY GET THE FIGHT THAT YOU'RE SPOILIN' FOR!
WELL, HOMBRE -- YOU'VE GOT IT! ANY TIME YOU'RE READY, GO FOR YOUR IRONS!
NOW YOU'RE TALKIN' LIKE A REAL MAN, COLT! AND JUST TO SHOW HOW MUCH I ADMIRE YORE SPUNK, I'M GONNA GIVE YUH THE BIGGEST FUNERAL THAT THIS TOWN'S EVER SEEN!

THANKS! BUT FIRST YOU'LL HAVE TO BEAT ME, WON'T YOU?
DON'T WORRY, SONNY--I AIN'T NEVER LOST A GUNFIGHT YET!

NEITHER HAVE I, BIG MAN!..
...AND I DON'T AIM TO START NOW!

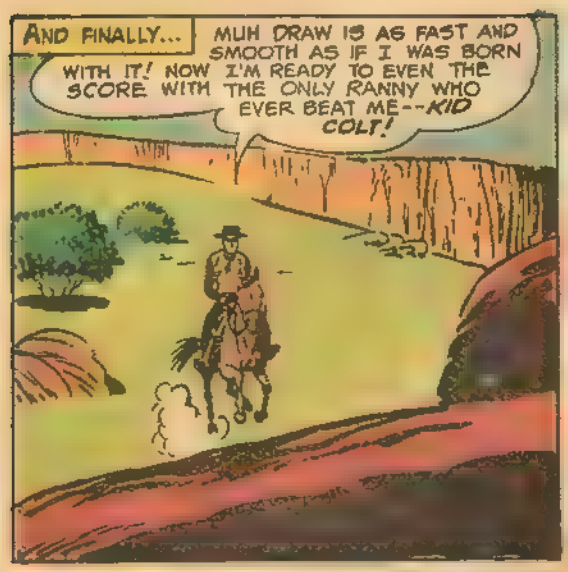

SAY, YOU ARE FAST, HARDIN!
BUT I'M JUST A MITE FASTER!
KAA!
KAA!
UHHH..

'PEARS THAT I UNDER-RATED YOU, KID! I'LL KNOW BETTER NEXT TIME!
SURE, HARDIN! WE CAN MAKE THIS A WEEKLY SPORT! ALL IT'LL TAKE IS A LOT OF AMMO AND NO BRAINS!
RED DOG

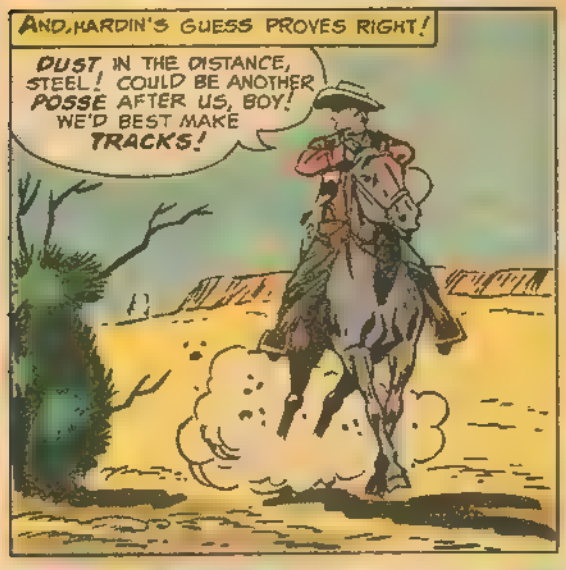

BUT, TYPICALLY, GUNFIGHTS ARE ENJOYED MOST BY THOSE WHO DON'T TAKE PART IN THEM... THOSE BRAVE BYSTANDERS WHOSE COMMENTS ARE NOW LIKE SALT TO THE WOUNDED PRIDE OF WES HARDIN!
I KNEW ALL ALONG THAT HARDIN COULDN'T BEAT KID COLT!
THE KID'S A REAL HELLER WITH HIS IRONS!
I'LL MAKE COLT PAY FOR HUMBLIN' ME! S'HELP ME, I WILL!

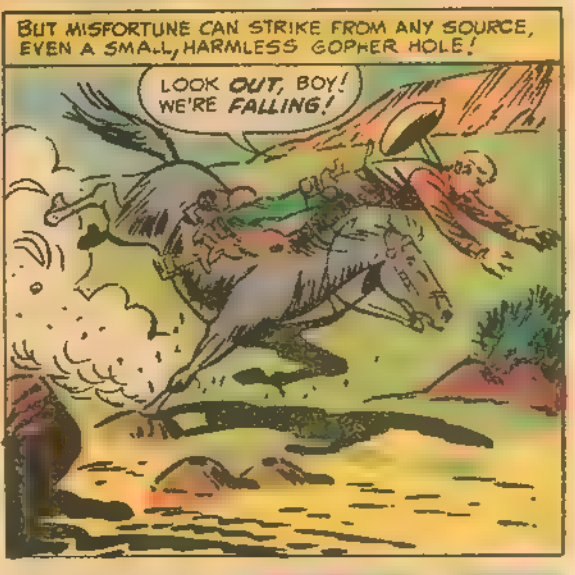
MISTUH HARDIN, YOU LOOK LIKE A MAN WITH TROUBLES... TROUBLES THAT I CAN FIX!
BEAT IT, TRAMP! I AIN'T GIVIN' HANDOUTS TODAY!
S'MATTA... YOU DEEF? I SAID "SCRAM"!
B-BUT I CAN HELP YUH!
WHAT ARE YUH JAWIN' ABOUT? HOW CAN A NOBODY LIKE YOU HELP ME?
I CAN TELL YUH HOW TO OUTDRAW KID COLT!
WHAT?!! LISSEN, LITTLE MAN-- IF YORE A'FUNNIN' ME, I'LL HAVE YOUR HIDE!
I'M ON, THE LEVEL! HONEST! THE FASTEST GUN I EVER SAW WAS A MEXICAN BANDIT! HE WAS A REAL TRICKY HOMBRE...
HE HAD HIS TWO HOLSTERS SEWN ONTO HIS VEST! IT CUT THE DISTANCE OF HIS DRAW PLUMB IN HALF! NOBODY COULD BEAT HIM IN A SHOOTOUT! NOBODY!
A HOLSTER VEST, EH? SOUNDS LIKE A RIGHT SMART NOTION! HERE, PAL, BUY YOURSELF A DRINK! YOU'VE EARNED IT!

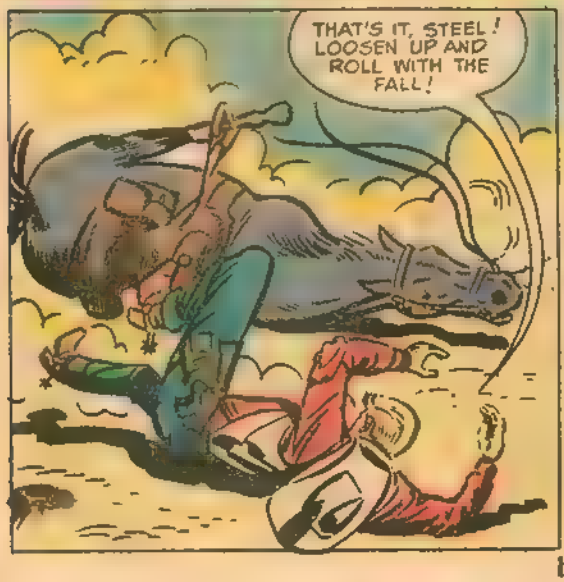
A SHORT TIME LATER, THE REVENGE-HUNGRY GUNMAN ORDERS A HOLSTER VEST TO HIS SPECIFICATIONS...
YUH SURE THOSE HOLSTERS WON'T FALL OFF?
I'M POSITIVE! HERE--PUT THIS VEST ON, AND TRY IT OUT!
IT FITS OKAY! BUT I FEEL A LITTLE SILLY HOLDIN' MUH ARMS LIKE THIS!
BUT LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I DRAW!
JUMPIN' CRAWFISH! I NEVER SLAPPED LEATHER SO FAST BEFORE! THIS GIMMICK IS TERRIFIC!
P-PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU POINT THOSE GUNS!
DON'T FRET, GRAMPS! YUH GOT NOTHIN' TO WORRY ABOUT, SO LONG AS YUH DON'T MAKE MORE VESTS LIKE THIS FOR OTHER HOMBRES! SAVVY?
I--I UNDERSTAND! YOUR VEST WILL NEVER BE DUPLICATED!
NOW, HAVING A BIG EDGE, THE RUTHLESS GUNMAN ADDS MANY MORE NOTCHES TO HIS IRONS, AS HE CONTINUES TO WRITE HIS INFAMOUS CHAPTER IN WESTERN HISTORY!
H-HE GOT US BOTH!
THESE AND OTHER FOOLS WILL SERVE AS GOOD PRACTICE!
I'M IMPROVIN' ALL THE TIME!
SOON I'LL BE READY FOR THE HOMBRE I'M REALLY AFTER--KID COLT!
---TILL I GET THE HANG OF MY NEW DRAW DOWN PAT!

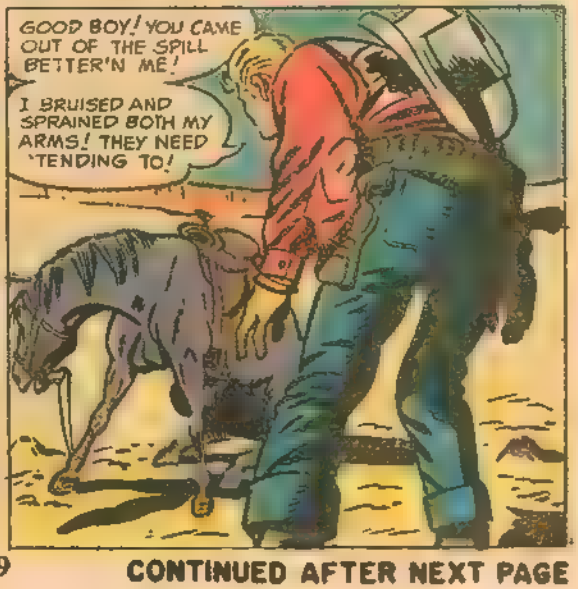

AND FINALLY...
MUH DRAW IS AS FAST AND SMOOTH AS IF I WAS BORN WITH IT! NOW I'M READY TO EVEN THE SCORE WITH THE ONLY RANNY WHO EVER BEAT ME--KID COLT!

COLT HAS HAD A LOT OF PRACTICE DODGING LAWMEN AND POSSES! HE AIN'T EASY TO TRACK DOWN!
BUT NEAR AS I CAN MAKE OUT, HE'S HEADED BACK TO THAT ONE-HOSS TOWN WHERE WE FIRST MET!









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MONUMENTAL MEMOS OF CHILLERS, THRILLERS, AND FILLERS!

STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

If you happened to miss the ol' Soapbox last ish, it's because I was in sunny Italy and didn't return in time to write it. But don't think I deserted you, O True Believer! I was there on your behalf, and now that I'm back I'm just bustin' to tell you about the fun and excitement of the biggest comic-book convention of them all. About 200 miles south of Milan, in the beautiful, ancient city of Lucca, they've been holding an annual comic-book congress for the past eight years. This year's Lucca 9 was the biggest yet. The whole town played host to writers and artists from all over the world. There were shows, panels, exhibits, and ceremonies lasting an entire week. Inside the main auditorium the seats were equipped with earphones through which you could hear translations of every speech in virtually every language. It was like being at the U.N., but lots more fun. And if those wild, warm, and wonderful Italians aren't the friendliest people around, then Thor bleaches his hair! But the thing that impressed me most—the thing I want you to know, is—in Europe comics are taken far more seriously by the adult population than in America. If you didn't know Lucca 9 was comic-book oriented you'd have thought it was a business convention. The adults, including the Mayor of Lucca himself, far outnumbered the youngsters in attendance. There were professors, businessmen, scientists, filmmakers, lawyers, and literally hundreds of other mature, serious fans deeply involved in one of the most popular art forms of all—the ubiquitous comic-strip! So here's to all of Marvel's fabulous friends in Lucca, and throughout the free world. So long as we strangers from different lands can come together in good will and mutual respect; so long as art can help to forge a lasting bond between people and nations; then so long shall there still be hope for an abiding peace upon this troubled earth.

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! We've lots of bombshells to explode this time around, so let's get rolling, shall we—?

ITEM! The big news this month — and we do mean *big* — is a fabulous pair of new *mags* sporting 52 great pages for just 35¢! That's right — our swingin' Summer-of-'73 Specials were such a rousing success, and so many of you requested more of the same, that we began work almost at once on a *regular line* of 35-centers. The only difference is, these new titles will contain mostly *new* stories and art, plus a whole passle of bonus features such as pin-ups, interviews, and more surprises than you can shake a Forbush at! The first of these mind-benders has already been on sale for a few weeks now: the *first* far-out issue of GIANT-SIZE SUPER-STARS, headlining the *Fantastic Four*, no less (with the ever-incredible Hulk as guest star)! As those of you who purchased this sell-out sensation already know, SUPER-STARS is a *monthly* mag, featuring no less than three rotating series, in the style of those Mystery Movies that've taken TV by storm. The F.F. led off the parade, of course, and this month's *second* slam-bang issue heralds the much-requested team-up of two of the most monstrous super-villains of all — Morbius, the Living Vampire, and the menacing Man-Wolf (alias John Jameson), against none other than your friendly neighborhood *Spider-Man!* While the third ish, on sale in April, will star still another of Marvel's mightiest: *Conan the Barbarian!* Then, the whole cycle will start all over again, with the F.F., Spidey, and Conan each appearing four times a year, in some of the most spectacular sagas ever recorded — we kid you not!

That's GIANT-SIZE SUPER-STARS, still on sale — if you're lucky!

Got it? Okay, then you're all set for our *next* scoop—!

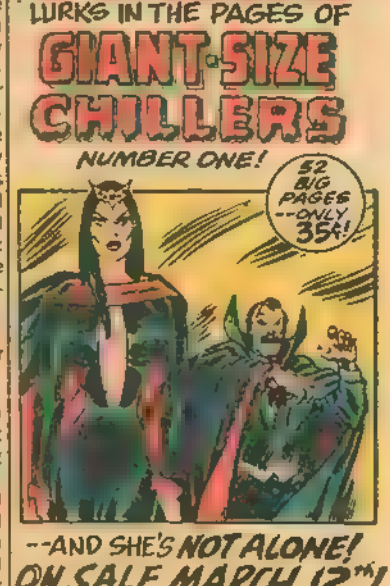
ITEM! Our *second* magnificent new 35¢ mag has a title nearly as mind-boggling as the first: it's GIANT-SIZE CHILLERS, and it debuts March 12, starring (who else?) the one and only *Dracula* himself! But, this sinister series is called "The Curse of Dracula," and it'll be a wee bit different from the Lord of Vampires' other Marvel misadventures, for it'll deal mainly with those whose lives are touched by our blood-thirsting Count in some way, beginning with Dracula's very own *daughter*, as depicted on this self-same page! (Don't worry, though — our Transylvanian terror will appear prominently in each and every one of these tales!) And, since our new monthly CHILLERS mag has the same format as SUPER-STARS, Drac's new fear-fests will alternate with those of two other baneful new lights in the Marvel firmament: Werewolf by Night, and the macabre Man-Thing! All in GIANT-SIZE SUPER-CHILLERS!

Hope that's all clear, Flame-Keeper 'Cause as of right now — you're on your own!

ITEM! And, sharing the limelight with these two blockbusters, have we got news for you! SAVAGE TALES is coming back for the third time — and this time, we're gonna go 'way out on a limb and predict that this most-honored Marvel mag is here to stay! In fact, we're so sure of it that we've already scheduled it for *bi-monthly* publications, like our other 75¢ titles, with the first of the new series going on sale March 26! There'll be brand new, grand new Conan sagas by the likes of Barry Smith, John Buscema, Gil Kane, and Neal Adams — special items of interest to sword-and-sorcery swashbucklers the world over — plus a phantasmagorical new feature on the greatest fantasy films of all time! Now, if *that* isn't 'nuff said, we don't know what is!

ITEM! Whew! We've just room enough to tell you that a couple of other new series make their debut this month as well. One is *The Living Mummy*, who returns as the star of SUPERNATURAL THRILLERS, where he made his first foray a few months back. The other is *The Golem*, whose stomping grounds (and we mean just that!) will be STRANGE TALES. All this — plus an extra-special issue of WORLDS UNKNOWN, featuring an awesome adaptation of Columbia Pictures' new thriller, "The Golden Voyage of Sinbad!" Need we say it? It's the Marvel Age of Comics all over again!

ITEM! Due to a last-minute emergency, we had to forego our widely-acclaimed Bullpen Bonus Page this go-round. So, we'll have to wait till next month to tell you all about the brain-blasting bargains that'll be yours when you've amassed a complete set of MARVEL VALUE STAMPS — or about some of the hectic hijinx which the World's Weirdest Bullpen have been up to — not to mention the return of our capricious Checklist. Next time, though, we promise you two full pages of Marvel news and views! *Just wait and see!*



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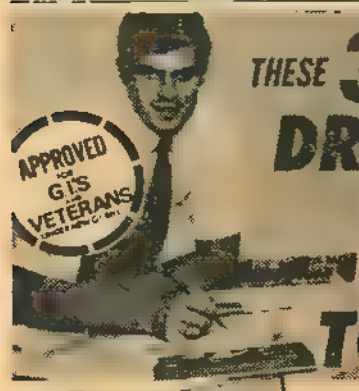

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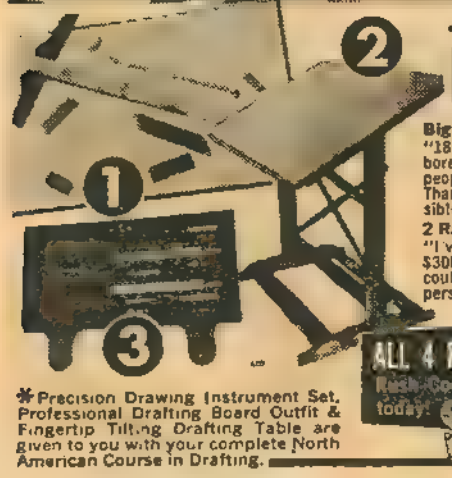

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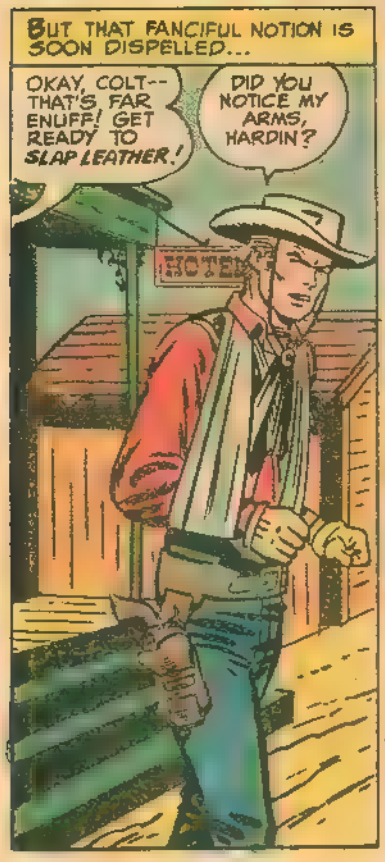
BUT THAT FANCIFUL NOTION IS SOON DISPELLED...
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DID YOU NOTICE MY ARMS, HARDIN?
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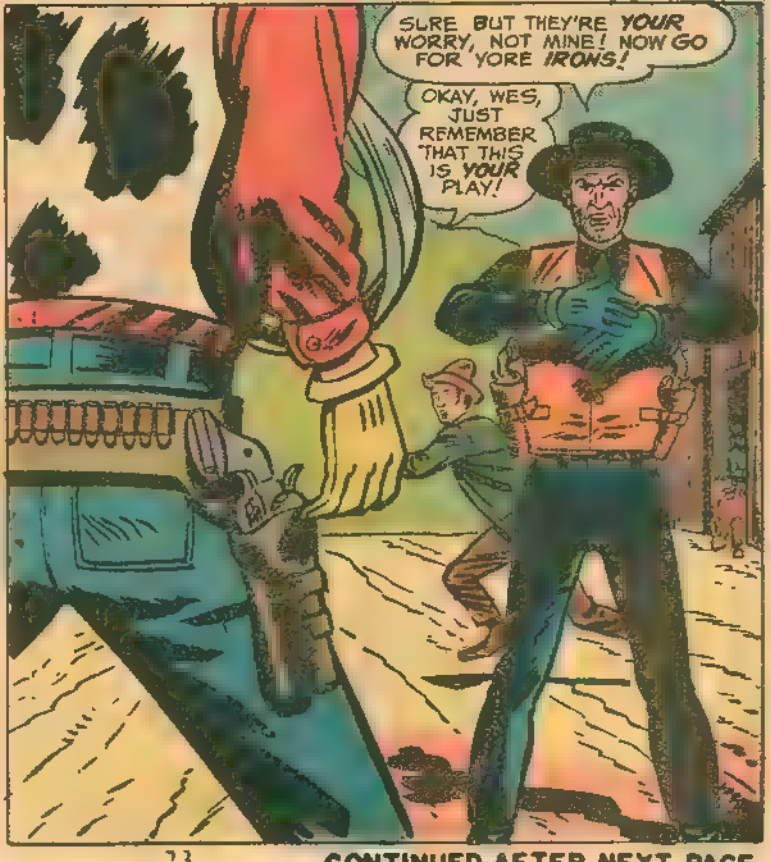

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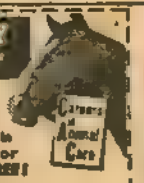

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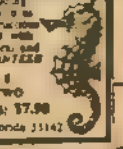

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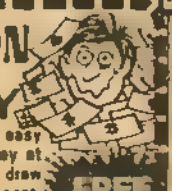

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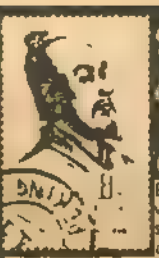

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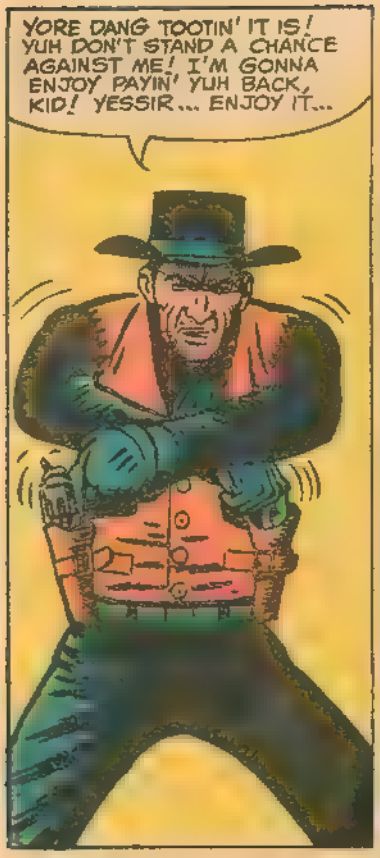
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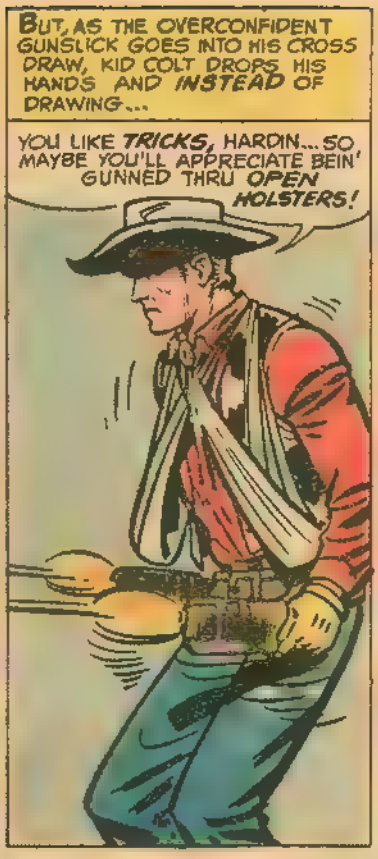
BUT, AS THE OVERCONFIDENT GUNSLICK GOES INTO HIS CROSS DRAW, KID COLT DROPS HIS HANDS AND INSTEAD OF DRAWING...
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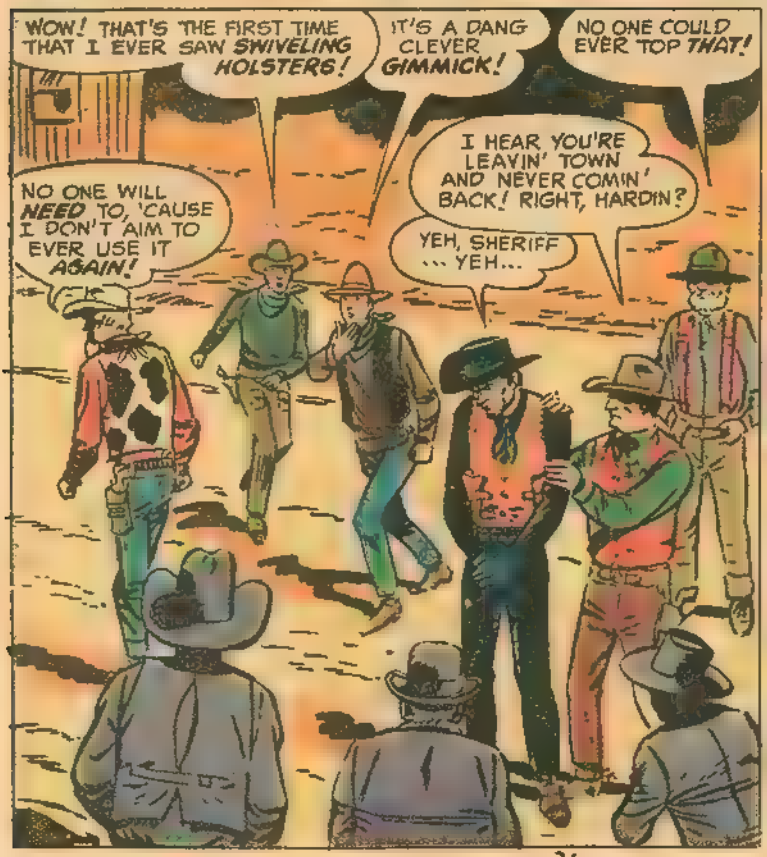
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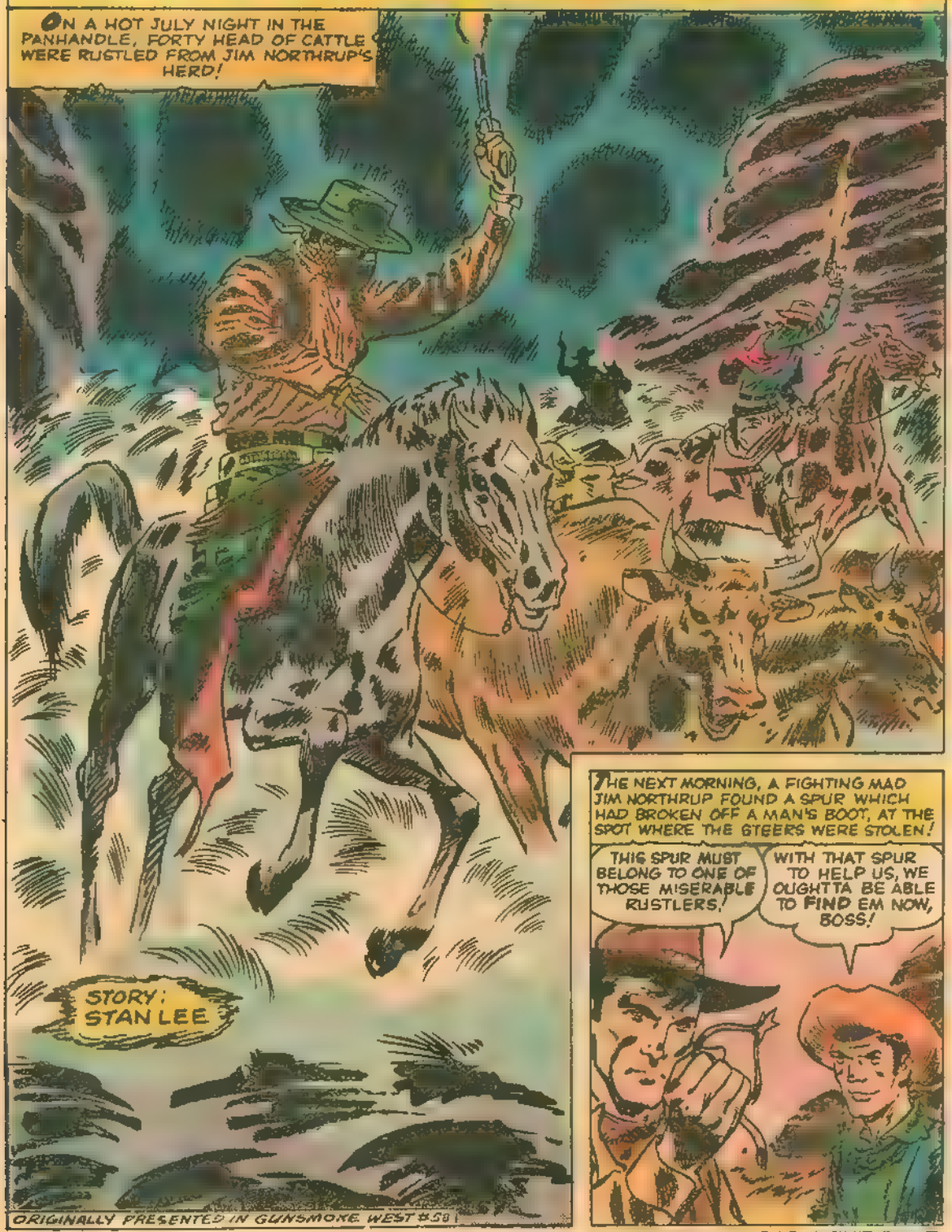
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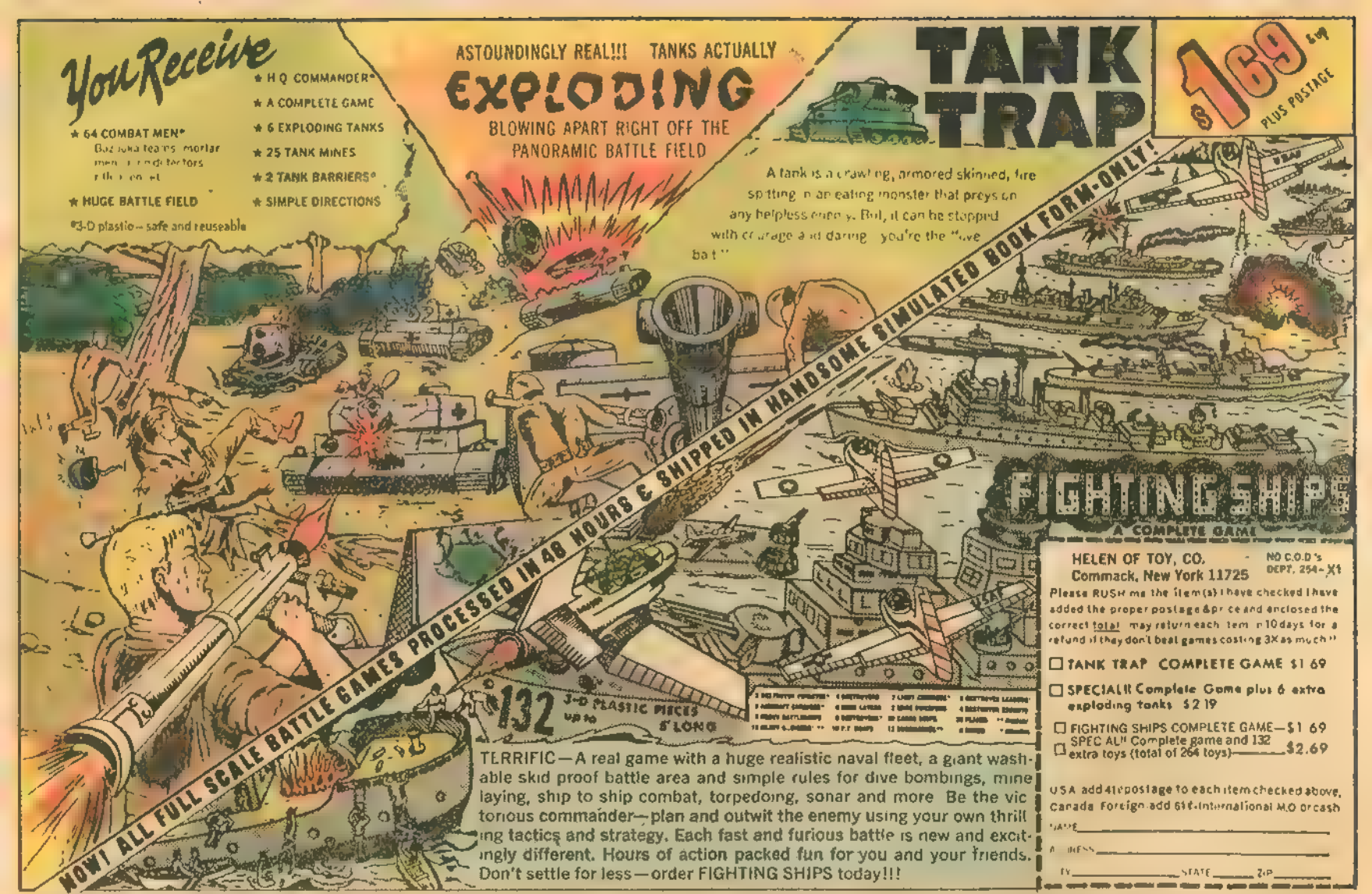
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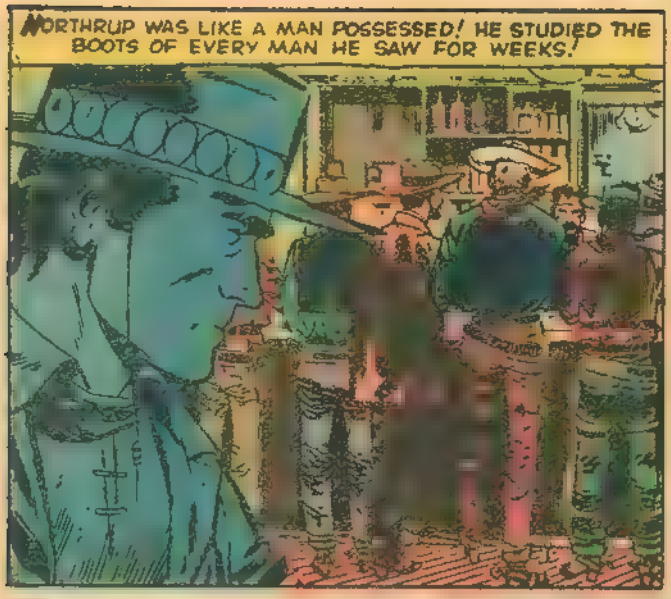
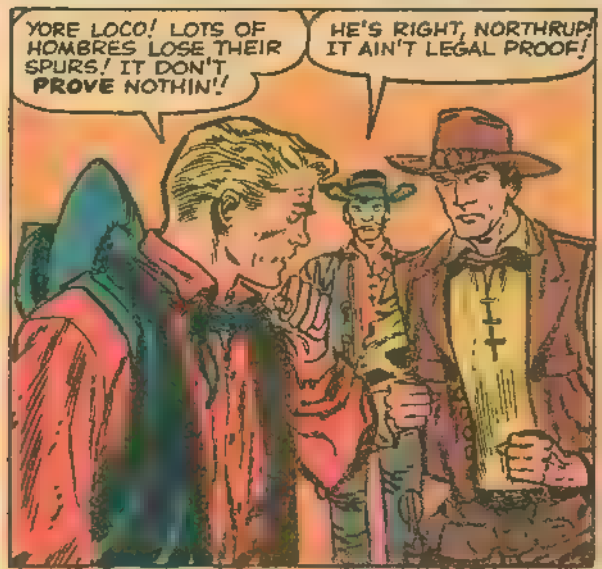

NORTHRUP WAS LIKE A MAN POSSESSED! HE STUDIED THE BOOTS OF EVERY MAN HE SAW FOR WEEKS!

UNTIL THAT FATEFUL DAY WHEN HE FOUND HIS PREY!
YORE THE ONE!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT!

YOU GOT A SPUR MISSIN' FROM YORE BOOT, DON'TCHA?
SURE! IT'S BEEN MISSIN' FER WEEKS! SO WHAT?

DON'T ACT INNOCENT WITH ME, MISTER! YORE THE HOMBRE WHO'S BEEN RUSTLIN' MY CATTLE!


YORE LOCO! LOTS OF HOMBRES LOSE THEIR SPURS! IT DON'T PROVE NOTHIN'!
HE'S RIGHT, NORTHRUP! IT AIN'T LEGAL PROOF!

I DON'T NEED NO LEGAL PROOF! I KNOW HE'S THE RUSTLER!

HOLD ON, JIM! LEAVE THIS HOMBRE ALONE, OR I'LL HAVETA RUN YUH IN FOR STARTIN' A FIGHT!
IF THE LAW WON'T HELP ME, I'LL SETTLE THINGS MY OWN WAY!
LET ME BE, DEPUTY! I AIN'T GONNA LET HIM HIT ME AGAIN!

MISTER, I DON'T KNOW IF YORE GUILTY OR NOT, BUT YOU BETTER KEEP AWAY FROM NORTHRUP! HE'S DANGEROUS WHEN HE'S MAD--AND HE'S SURE ENUFF MAD NOW!

A FEW HOURS LATER, AS THE ACCUSED MAN WAS RIDING THE LONELY TRAIL OUT OF TOWN...
HOLD IT! I'VE GOT YUH COVERED!

YUH DIDN'T THINK I'D LET YUH GET AWAY, DID YUH? GIT DOWN!
NORTHRUP! WHAT DO YOU WANT?

IF THE LAW WON'T TAKE CARE OF YUH, I'M GONNA DO IT MY WAY! I'M CALLIN' ON YUH TO DRAW!
BUT WE GOT NO CALL TO FIGHT, MISTER! I NEVER TOOK YORE CATTLE! I NEVER TOOK ANYONE'S CATTLE!

I SAID DRAW, YUH THIEVIN' COWARD! DRAW, OR I'LL GUN YUH DOWN WHERE YUH STAND!
ALL RIGHT, IF I GOT NO CHOICE--BUT YORE MAKIN' A POWERFUL BIG MISTAKE!

THEY DREW! AND THE STRANGER'S DRAW WAS LIKE A STREAK OF LIGHTNING! BEFORE NORTHRUP COULD REACH HIS HOLSTER, A .45 SHELL THUNDERED INTO HIS SHOULDER!
I'M RIGHT SORRY FOR YUH, MISTER!
I TRIED NOT TO HURT YUH TOO BAD! RECKON A DOCTOR CAN FIX YORE SHOULDER UP ALL RIGHT WHEN YUH GIT BACK TO TOWN!
NO-NOBODY EVER OUTDREW ME BEFORE! CUSS YOU--I'LL GIT YUH YET!
WITHOUT ANOTHER WORD THE STRANGER RODE OFF, OUT OF TOWN, AND OUT OF JIM NORTHRUP'S LIFE! THEN THE NEXT DAY, AFTER THE DOCTOR HAD TREATED JIM'S WOUND...
I GOT TWO REASONS TO WANT TO GUN THAT HOMBRE DOWN NOW! ONE, HE STOLE MUH CATTLE--AND TWO, THE DOC SAYS I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO USE MUH GUN ARM AGIN! I'M OFFERIN' FIFTY DOLLARS TO EVERY MANJACK OF YUH WHO'LL RIDE AFTER HIM WITH ME!
HOLD IT, NORTHRUP! I GOT NEWS FOR YUH!
MY DEPUTIES JUST CAUGHT THE GANG WHO'S BEEN STEALIN' YORE STOCK! THAT STRANGER YUH FOUGHT WITH YESTERDAY HAD NOTHIN' TO DO WITH IT! THE SPUR WAS OFF A DIFFERENT MAN'S BOOT!
WHAT ??
YUH MEAN I TRIED TO KILL THE WRONG MAN! AND I GOT MUH ARM SHOT UP SO I CAN'T EVER USE IT AGAIN, FOR NOTHIN'! ALL FOR NOTHING!
...FOR NOTHING! ALL FOR NOTHING!
AND THUS ENDS THE STORY OF JIM NORTHRUP'S LAST SHOOT-OUT! THE RANCHER HAD LEARNED, TOO LATE, THAT A FAST GUN NEVER REALLY SETTLES ANYTHING--AND THE WAY OF THE LAW, THOUGH SOMETIMES SLOW, IS THE ONLY TRUE PATH TO JUSTICE!
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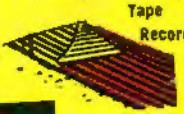
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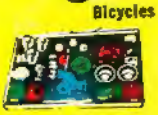
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